

ALLIES OPEN THE YEAR WITH MILITARY SUCCESSES

Norfolk Ravaged Today By Flames

Famous Monticello Hotel Among Buildings Burned. German Agents Suspected

(International News Service.)

Norfolk, Jan. 1.—One fireman was killed, three were seriously hurt and damage estimated at \$3,000,000 was wrought here today by the worst fire Norfolk has suffered in years. Nearly a whole city block was laid waste, the greatest damage visiting the famous Monticello Hotel, the largest in Norfolk. The two upper floors of the hotel were burned out while the lower part was ruined by water. The fire was still burning at noon, but was under control.

A searching investigation is being made of the origin of the fire, believed to be of incendiary origin. Because of the fact that the Monticello hotel was the headquarters of many army and naval officials, it may develop that German agents were responsible. Two distinct explosions, one in a hotel and one in a millinery establishment, have not yet been explained.

MCADOO FRIEND OF ORGANIZED LABOR

DECLARES CONTENTED MEN ARE 25 PER CENT MORE EFFICIENT.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Organized labor starts the new year with one of the biggest victories ever scored in the United States. The announcement of Director General McAdoo, now the employer on behalf of the United States of 1,500,000 men working on American railways, that he has adopted a friendly attitude towards labor and believes that "25 per cent more efficiency can be obtained from contented men than from discontented men," opened a new field for organized labor. It is regarded the most sweeping recognition that has been accorded labor in years.

Captured Sammies Reduced to Five

Doughboys Threaten Vengeance If Other Seven Have Been Harmed.

(International News Service.)

With the American Army in France, Jan. 1.—Concern over the fate of 7 of the 12 American prisoners captured by the Germans early in September, is expressed in American circles in France. Although the official figures show 12 Americans captured, the pictures of "the American captives" published in a German newspaper show but five men. The doughboys are swearing vengeance if it is found the Germans harmed the other seven or put them to death.

Train From the Carolinas Arrives Thirty Hours Late

H. R. Thompson Returns From His Vacation Enthused Over Conditions in Military Camps

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The belated secretary visited three of the training camps while away and returned here filled with optimism as to the showing that will be made by the Sammies when they get into the trenches. "I never saw a finer looking body of men," he said. "They are all cheerful, in excellent health and ready to go. Men who were once known as loafers at Florence, I saw standing up straight, with their chests extended. The war seems to have made men of them."

"There are three training camps

Hermione Lodge Elects Officers

H. A. Nungester Chosen as Chancellor Commander.

Hermione Lodge, No. 16, Knights of Pythias, held an enthusiastic meeting in their Castle Hall last night, the rank of Knight being conferred upon Messrs. Lewis E. McGregor and Lamar Penney.

Following the rank work the officers were elected for the ensuing term, as follows: H. A. Nungester, chancellor commander; Jno. C. Gooch, vice-chancellor; Wm. A. Pryor, prelate; Z. Carroll, master of work; W. L. Crout, keeper of records and seal and master of finance; W. M. Bailey, master of exchequer; J. L. Fuller, master-at-arms; L. E. McGregor, inner guard; J. D. Gilliam, outer guard; H. A. King, grand representative; R. C. Nungester, alternate; Otto Fischer, musical director; Wm. A. Pryor, master of property; T. M. Dix, W. B. Shackelford and A. G. Patterson, trustees.

Hermione Lodge has had a large amount of initiatory work and a number of prominent citizens are in line for initiation.

Washington Keeps A Sober New Year

Old Fashioned Hospitality Abandoned and Everybody Works.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Washington's New Year's day was distinctly of the war-time variety. The time honored receptions of officialdom, some of them dating back to the revolution, were abandoned. Open house was a thing of the past and residents convivially inclined went Baltimore-ward to enjoy the delights of Bacchus. All government departments were closed, but behind the curtains the heads of the departments made an earnest effort to catch up in their work.

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BABES MUST BE SHIELDED FROM GERMAN AIR RAIDERS



When the Germans make their ruthless air raids over London, the babies and their mothers have to take refuge in all manner of underground shelters. The photograph shows a group of them safe in an old cave that had been dried out and made ready for the emergency.

Daily Inaugurates Its 1918 Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund

The 1918 "Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund" is inaugurated today by the Daily, and is headed with two contributions totalling \$3.00. The former fund was sent to Company E, now in France, and the present fund will go to the Morgan county boys in training camp. The Daily welcomes all funds donated for this worthy cause, and will take pleasure in seeing that all contributions get prompt acknowledgment.

J. E. Dutton, of Danville, Route 3, and the Daily are heading the fund. Mr. Dutton's dollar was forwarded by Mrs. A. E. Jackson, of Hartselle, who wrote the following letter:

Hartselle, Dec. 24, 1917.
Albany-Decatur Daily,
Albany, Ala.
Dear Sirs:—Enclosed please find one dollar (\$1.00) to add to the boys' tobacco fund. During our Red Cross campaign last week, Mr. J. E. Dutton, Danville, R. F. D. 1, gave me this dollar for the tobacco fund, so I am sending to you and asking that you enroll him on the list.
Respectfully,
MRS. A. E. JACKSON.
Contributions to date:
J. E. Dutton \$1.00
Albany-Decatur Daily \$2.00

KAISER APPROVES RUSS PEACE TERMS

AND GERMANY CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR MOST JOYOUSLY.

(International News Service.)

The Hague, Jan. 1.—Although Germany is filling the air with peace offers, the Kaiser continues to breathe defiance. In a new year's address to the German army the emperor declared that Germany must "bring back peace to the world by force of arms," according to advices received from Berlin today.

(International News Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—The Kaiser has given his personal approval to the peace terms arranged between the Bolsheviks and Teutonic envoys at Brest-Litovsk, said a dispatch from Berlin today.

The dispatch added: "The Germans believe that they are nearer to peace than ever before, and it has been a big factor in adding to the gaiety of the new year celebration." Opposition seems to be dying out to the principle of peace without annexations and indemnities.

Final Rehearsal For Minstrel Tonight

Black Face Carnival Crew to Add the Finishing Touches.

The final rehearsal for the Black Face Carnival to be given at the Masonic theatre Wednesday night, will take place tonight at the Y. M. C. A., beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. It has been previously announced that the rehearsal would take place at the theatre, but a change of plans was necessary.

All members of the burnt cork brigade are urged to be present at the rehearsal tonight.

Railroad Problem is Facing Congress

President Wilson to Send Special Message Early in Year.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Government control of railroads has furnished material for weeks of congressional debate. With the re-convening of congress only two days off, members today are preparing for a flood of railroad legislation. Chief among the subjects of this legislation is the matter of compensation. President Wilson will address a letter to congress giving his views on the matter of compensation soon after house and senate re-convene. In the meantime, both bodies are preparing their own views of war.

HUNS ARE BEATEN IN ITALY AND ALSO IN FRANCE

Fifteen Hundred Prisoners and Sixty Machine Guns Taken by Latins

WELSH RIDGE POINTS LOST AND RE-GAINED

British Overcome Strong Turkish Resistance and Advance North of Jerusalem

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—The first day of 1918 dawned on allied successes in three theatres of war.

On the Cambrai front in France the Germans renewed their assaults in making a gain. The British undertook strong counter attacks and the Germans were quickly hurled back. Artillery duels raged elsewhere on the western front throughout the night.

In Italy, a battle developed involving troops of five nations, and resulted in a big success for the allies. Strong positions were captured at Monte Kombani and nearly 1,500 prisoners and over 60 machine guns were taken. German efforts to re-capture the lost ground were repulsed.

The British army in Palestine has made another advance north of Jerusalem, overcoming strong Turkish resistance.

(International News Service.)

Rome, Jan. 1.—A wave of indignation surged through Italy today over the news of the German air attack upon the Padua cathedral and other ancient and historic buildings in that city.

BOLSHEVIKI FORCES ARE WINNING IN SIBERIA.

(International News Service.)

Stockholm, Jan. 1.—Bolshevik forces are gaining the upper hand in the fighting in Siberia, according to the war office at Petrograd. Rail communication between Petrograd and Vladivostok has been cut. Fighting is raging between the Red Guard and the Cossacks at Irkutsk. Severe loss of life and great destruction of property has attended the fighting.

A defeat has been administered to the Bolsheviks in Ukarania.

GERMANS MASSING MEN FOR AN ITALIAN THRUST.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Austro-German thrust into Italy between the Brenna and Piave rivers is about to be resumed. Aviators have reported to the Italian war office that great quantities of ammunition are being massed behind the German lines and a great concentration of troops is in progress.

The Italian government has begun the new year by taking one of the most important steps in the social reform movement in that country by granting full power to requisition and distribute among the people all available lands that may be utilized for agricultural purposes.

Reserved Seats For Black Face Carnival

Reserved seats for the Black Face Carnival are now on sale at the Masonic theatre. Those who want choice seats should make a rush for the box office.

Siren-Voiced Whistles Announce the Arrival of the New Year

Nineteen Eighteen Starts Off With Business Prospects Bright and Weather Bad

(International News Service.)

Screaming whistles promptly at midnight last night announced to the slumbering residents of the Twin Cities the arrival of the good year 1918. There was a din of noise, the volume being somewhat less than that of former years. Thousands of persons shifted uneasily in their downy couches, wondered where the fire was, and went back to sleep. Down town but few had remained up to greet the new year, the stores having closed early. Wintery blasts had driven the populace from the streets.

It had been a period of war and strife, and had made but few friends to weep at its dying. Most everybody was glad that it had gone and wondered if its successor could offer humanity more. The new year finds the business outlook for the nation, the state, the Tennessee valley and the Twin Cities unusually good. It also finds the weather unusually bad.

But little work was done today. The occasion was a holiday, national and otherwise. The banks were closed, the postoffices remained open only two hours in the morning. There was but little doing anywhere.

PROBE OF LEATHER COAL TRAINS ARE TRUST IS ORDERED

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The federal trade commission celebrated New Year's by setting out to find out why buying one pair of shoes empties almost anyone's pocket-book.

Upon information that there is no leather shortage and that shoe factories are operating far short of their capacity, the commission today ordered an investigation of the whole leather industry.

Soldier Boy Sends Thanks For Xmas Red Cross Presents

Kenneth Wilson, of Ambulance Co. 149, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., is the first recipient of a Christmas package sent out by the Decatur Red Cross to send an acknowledgment of the remembrance. The following letter from him has been received:

Camp Shelby, Miss. Dec. 20, 1917.
Decatur Red Cross Chapter,
Decatur, Ala.
My Dear Friends:—I wish to express my thanks to you for the Christmas package.
Very respectfully,
KENNETH WILSON,
Ambulance Co. 149.

These packages, like all others sent out by the Southern Red Cross, were distributed under the direction of the headquarters of the Gulf Division. A card enclosed in the package apprised the recipient of the fact that the little gifts were from the Decatur chapter.

Questionnaire Numbers

Questionnaires were mailed out today by the Morgan county exemption board to men whose call numbers are between 2245 and 2405.

COAL TRAINS ARE GIVEN CLEAR TRACK

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The railway lines were cleared today for preferential shipments of coal to all parts of the country. Solid trains of coal were moving ahead of all other freight to the relief of centers suffering from below-zero weather, and under the orders of Director McAdoo every government agency was lending a hand to secure the expeditious movement of these trains.

Publicity Bath For War Profiteers

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—War profiteering scandals are to be given a thorough publicity bath. The senate military affairs committee investigating the army spent New Year's day arranging to begin an inquiry into many rumors poured into the ears of congressmen and senators regarding huge profits made on war contracts by persons closely connected with the national advisory council. As the first witness the committee summoned Charles Eiseaman, of the supply committee of the national defense council.

Central National Declares Dividend

Five Thousand Dollars Also Passed to Surplus.

The Central National Bank was shown to be in an exceptionally prosperous condition at the meeting of the directors held last night, when a 3 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared and \$5,000 passed to the surplus.

The bank is enjoying a growing business under the direction of Thos. A. Bowles, cashier and A. A. Hardage, president, and is now recognized as one of the leading financial institutions of North Alabama.

Water Consumers

Don't let the water run. Keep cut off at check and waste. If found running, supply will be cut off without notice.

Alabama Water Co.

Happy New Year!

We extend to you the compliments of the season and an expression of our appreciation for your valued and liberal patronage of the past year.

J. BLOCK

Next to Owl Drug Co. Decatur.

If you want what you want when you want it—in the printing line—WE HAVE IT!

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We sell cotton seed meal, hulls, bran, shorts, shucks, hay, oats and corn. Call us for Quick Delivery. We buy corn and grain from the farmer at the highest market price.

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To our friends in Decatur and Albany, and in Morgan, Lawrence, Limestone and Madison Counties:

A great deal of our success and happiness during the past year has been due to your loyalty and co-operation.

With this simple expression of our thanks goes our heartfelt wish for your own success and happiness during the year to come and the hope that we may serve you in every way possible.

Sincerely,

McGEEH FURNITURE CO.

ALLIES MAY ONCE MORE STATE WAR AIMS, IS REPORT

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—The new year opened with public interest divided between peace and military operations in the various theatres of war. The opinion of the entire world is now centered upon the attitude which the entente will take in regard to Germany's offer to negotiate peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities.

There has been no official utterance to substantiate the statement of the Manchester Guardian that the allies will answer the German proposal, although it is generally believed that an answer of some kind will be returned, if not in the form of a note by a speech by a representative of one of the governments.

Not counting Russia, 16,000,000 men are now under arms in the various fields of action.

Alabama Railroad Must Do Business Says Dictator McAdoo

(International News Service.)

Montgomery, Jan. 1.—Dictator McAdoo issued his first order in Alabama since he became railroad dictator today, when he ordered the Montgomery & Haynesville railroad not to remove its tracks, a sixteen-mile stretch from Tyson to Haynesville. The railroad company sought to remove the tracks from the ground as the closing of an oil mill made the railroad a losing proposition.

WANTED—100 men and women, to borrow \$1,000 each, or more, on improved farms, at 6%, or to buy life insurance in old line company; also city loans. W. M. Chenault, Phone 487 Albany. 1-lmo

Victor Records Late

On account of freight congestion the Victor records for January have not arrived. We hope to have them in a few days and will give due notice of the fact.

While the January list is small, it contains some records you will want. Be sure to come in and hear them. **McGEEH FURNITURE CO.**

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us during the illness and death of our father, Frank Chandler. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chandler. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith. Clyde Chandler. Ben Chandler. Helen Chandler. Lula Mae Chandler.

SOCIETY

Margaret Clinton Shelton, Phone 682, Albany

CLUB CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
Music Study Club—Mrs. E. E. Graves.
Married Ladies' Bridge—
Thursday.
Silk Stocking Club—Mrs. T. H. Alexander.

Friday.
Auction Bridge—
Saturday.
Saturday Club—Miss Clarkson.

COMPLIMENT TO MILDRED PINKERTON.

Willie Fiest Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price, entertained with a New Year party last evening.

The decorations were red and green, carried in palms and poinsettias. Progressive conversation was the feature of the entertainment. Before the New Year hour light refreshments were served. As the old year passed into history, fireworks of all kinds were lighted and cheer after cheer was added to the already sufficient announcement of 1918. Those enjoying this function were Lucile Patterson, Annie B. Malone, John Bullard, Ruby White, Bessie Cobb, Amanda Pride, Dimple Brock, Willie Fiest Price, Mildred Pinkerton, John Patterson, Malcolm Adams, Harry Malone, Chas. Malone, Eugene Russell, Sam Hollingsworth, William Greer, Malcolm Patterson, Joe Bell, Hugh Stone, Pat Kimbrough, Herman Thomas.

PASTOR ENTERTAINS THE OFFICIAL BOARD.

Rev. L. L. Hearn, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, entertained the official board of his church informally Monday evening at his home on Fifth avenue, south. The first hour was devoted to discussing the business of the church, after which refreshments were served. Rev. and Mrs. Hearn were assisted in entertaining by Miss Lorena Prosser. Rev. Hearn has the esteem of the church and the new year starts out with the brightest of prospects for the best year in its history. Rev. Head, a life-long friend of the pastor, was present and made an interesting talk.

D. A. R. POSTPONED.

No meeting of the D. A. R. Thursday with Mrs. B. E. Preuit.

Miss Eva Hartung has returned to Florence to re-enter the State Normal after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartung, during the holidays.

Miss Marie Kimbrough has returned from Hartselle.

Miss Lena Covey is the holiday guest of her brother, Tom Covey.

Miss Lola Winton, of Birmingham, spent the holidays with her brother S. O. Winton, returning Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Ferguson has returned to Baton Rouge, La., after visiting his sister, Mrs. T. J. Tilman.

Mrs. Lillie Tilman has returned to Birmingham, after visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Tilman.

Mrs. W. C. Howell has returned from Tom Bean, Texas, where she visited her sisters, Mrs. J. M. Forest and Mrs. J. P. Stone.

Miss Gracey Stone of Savoy, Tex., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Howell.

Mrs. J. M. Forest and daughter Allie, of Tom Bean, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. W. C. Howell.

Misses Stella Sewell and Gladys Garrison returned to Brick, Ala., today, where they are teaching for the year.

Miss Altie Giles, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glenn are expected from Tennessee to visit relatives.

Miss Wilda Simms, of Birmingham, is the guest of Mrs. L. J. Whately in the Mangrum home.

Mrs. Mary Sue Wells, of Glasgow, Ky., who is here at the bedside of her brother, Joe Cockrell, who is critically ill at the Benevolent hospital, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Earp.

Mrs. Kimball Jones and daughter, Mary, have returned from Florence.

Miss Bonnie Stockton has returned to Center Grove, where she is teaching.

Miss Alice Stockton will leave today for Judson College to resume her studies.

If you need a clerk, salesman, stenographer or any kind of help, the quickest way is a Daily want ad.

FIGHT AND HOLD YOUR GROUND, DEAR FRANCE!

WE'LL SOON BE ON OUR WAY.

(By W. H. Clagett.)

Fight on! Fight on, fair land of France!

Our sad hearts bleed for you

When Leige was trodden by the hoof

To pass the vandal through.

We wept again when Rheims was sacked

By those who'd ruthless slay.

But fight and hold your ground, dear France!

We'll soon be on our way!

The records of your valiant deeds

Have stirred our very souls.

And soon on blood-soaked battlefields

Where cannon thunder rolls.

You'll find us fighting by your side.

And find us there to stay.

So hold your ground, dear sister France!

We'll soon be on our way!

You sent us your brave LaFayette.

Your gallant Rochambeau.

To help us win our liberty

In the days of long ago.

You were the one bright star of hope

Which led us from dismay.

So fight and hold your ground, dear France!

We'll soon be on our way!

Our people never will forget

The aid you freely sent.

Emheartening our fighting men

When they were nearly spent.

And by the sacred Stars and Stripes

The debt we'll gladly pay!

So hold your ground, fair sunny France!

We'll soon be on our way!

And when on seared and furrowed fields

You hear a bugle call.

And turn to see our Yankee boys

Who've come to fight and fall.

Then give three rousing cheers for France

And good old U. S. A.!

For we have heard your just appeal

And we are on our way!

PERSONALS

Gladstone Tidwell has returned from Birmingham.

Gilbert Prince, of Wolf's beat, was in the city today.

W. H. Winton returned last night from Columbia, S. C., where he visited his brother, W. O. Winton.

L. O. Bull, after spending the holidays with friends in Albany and Decatur, left last night for his home in Akron, Ohio.

Harold Hatchett and Joe Pullen will return to Akron, Ohio, tomorrow, after having enjoyed Christmas with homefolks.

L. T. Shinpoch has returned home, after spending a few days with his parents near Elkmont, Ala.

Prof. Roy W. Kimbrough, principal

of the Albany high school, has returned from Thomasville, Ala., where he spent the holidays with homefolks.

R. E. Glenn has returned from Tennessee, where he spent Christmas. Mrs. Glenn will return at a later date.

Frank Peerson has returned to Battle Creek, Mich., after visiting homefolks.

Butler Warren left today for Auburn to re-enter school, having spent the holidays with his parents.

Herman Thomas, of Hartselle, is visiting Pat Kimbrough, Jr.

WHITE CLOVER FOR PASTURE

By M. H. Pearson, Assistant in Agriculture, Auburn, Ala.

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala. White clover is more widely found than any other variety of clover. The seed are very small and are easily carried, thus causing it to spread rapidly. It is a creeping plant seldom rising more than one foot high, but making a dense mat of herbage. The stems lying on the ground-root freely, thus rapidly covering the ground where space and conditions will allow.

White clover grows best on a rich loam or clay loam soil, well supplied with lime and humus. It will grow, however, on many kinds of soil, provided moisture is abundant. It thrives in moist soil and in cool weather. In most of the South it almost disappears during the summer months, but reappears in the fall and furnishes grazing throughout the winter.

It grows well in a sod with Bermuda grass, thus giving a good start to ward a permanent pasture which is so badly needed in Alabama. A good fertilizer for white clover would be a thorough liming and dressing the land with phosphate. Wood ashes are also very valuable as a fertilizer for white clover.

The seed of white clover may be sown either very early in the spring or in the fall. If a sod is desired the amount of seed should be from 9 to 13 pounds per acre. When sown in mixtures with Bermuda and other grasses 2 to 4 pounds is sufficient. It is advisable to mix the seed with a small amount of dry acid phosphate, cotton seed meal, or very fine sand, so that the seed may be sown evenly.

TO OUR PATRONS & FRIENDS

THE year 1917 has been a historical one. The coming year promises to be filled with new problems which will have to be solved. We have tried to meet our obligations to the public with the best of our small ability and to what extent we have succeeded we leave it to you to judge.

Our best efforts during the past twelve months have been directed toward holding down prices to a point which was fair and just in the face of a constantly soaring market.

Candor compels us to state that during the coming year still higher merchandise is probable, but we hereby pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to keep prices down within reach of the people whom we have the pleasure to serve.

Wishing you one and all a happy New Year and thanking you for the liberal patronage received, we remain
Yours very truly

WILLIAMSON'S

KEEP COTTON ACREAGE SAFE

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist Alabama Experiment Station

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala. Do not be misled by fluctuations in the price of cotton into planting a much larger acreage than has been planted in the hope of reaping great profit from high prices. The result is quite likely to prove disastrous rather than fortunate. Follow reasonably safe acreage and improve yields through better farming, and weevil control methods for greatest and surest profit with cotton in the long run.

No man should attempt to raise more acres of cotton per plow than he is reasonably certain of being able to give all of the extra care that will be demanded under weevil conditions, even if there should be a little more than the average rainfall that is due in his section. Therefore, in counties with 16 to 18 inches of summer rain, it is not wise or safe for the average man to try to raise more than five acres of cotton per plow. Between the 16 inch and 14 inch lines we would advise not more than 6 or 7 acres per plow, where the weevil has been present for more than one year. In the 14-inch zone 7 to 8 acres is fairly safe; and this area may be increased gradually for sections where the summer rainfall is still less. It is far better to reduce cotton below the acreage that can be handled successfully and then increase it gradually after the best methods of weevil fighting and control have become well known. Only where a man has cleaned up his cotton stalks early in the preceding fall or has available an unusually large number of children to help with the summer weevil fight should the foregoing estimates as to safe acreage be materially increased.

MASONIC THEATRE--TODAY

The Internationally Famous Star, EVA TANGUAY, in her first Screen Appearance

"THE WILD GIRL"

Selznick Production

Admission 10, 15 and 25 cents

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Big Black Face Carnival

MASONIC THEATRE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 2d.

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Proceeds will be used to buy rifles with which to arm our home guards.

PROGRAM

First Part.	Home Guard Orchestra—Real Jazz	4. That Quartette—Hutchinson, McCullough, Hunter and Buttrey.
Bugler—Mr. D. D. Gibson.	Band. Personnel—John Wagner, Adlie Spain, W. W. Rahm, Will Thompson, J. A. Buttrey, H. B. Cagle; Mrs. H. O. Troup, pianist.	5. Sincopated Buck and Wing—A. C. McKenna.
Opening Chorus, Hello America Hello—O. W. Baxter and company.		6. Seeing America First—O. W. Baxter and Jack Tracy.
Ballad, Good Night Little Girl, Good Night—Wm. Owen.		7. Dark Town Cabaret—J. A. Buttrey and W. R. Shelton.
The latest New York Success, I Don't Want To Get Well—R. T. Shepard.	Musical Directress—Mrs. H. O. Troup.	Farce—Have Mercy Jedge.
A Beautiful Classic, All For You—Bonnie B. Pickens.	End Men, J. H. Green, Wm. Steed, A. C. McKenna, Thomas Hatton.	Judge Slocum—Mr. Green.
The Late Comedy Success, Listen to the Knocking of the Knitting Club—H. O. Troup.	Interlocutor—Wm. Tennyson.	Lawyer Bum—Mr. Steed.
Old Black Joe—Company.	Closing Chorus, "It's a Long Way to Berlin, But We'll Get There."	Lawyer Prosecute—Mr. Tennyson.
That Quartette—Herman Hutchinson, Ernest McCullough, Raymond Hunter, Clay Buttrey.	Intermission—Five minutes.	Prison-yars—Mr. Maynard, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Tracy, Wm. Owen.
	Olio.	Big Annie—Mr. McKenna.
	1. Overture—Jazz Orchestra.	Fatima—Mr. Troup.
	2. Artistic Bit of Versatility—Miss Fannie Johnson.	The Other Woman—Mr. Hatton.
	3. Musical Oddity—J. A. Buttrey.	Officer of Court—Mr. Buttrey.

ADMISSION: Orchestra 50c and 75c Balcony 50c Gallery 25c

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RAILROAD WAR CABINET NAMED

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS TO
HANDLE THE FINANCIAL
END.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Orders went to eastern railroads today from Director-General McAdoo to clear up freight congestion regardless of previous government priority regulation, passenger schedules and any hampering practices under the old competitive system and to pay special attention to movement of coal and food.

Lines of the west and south were notified that soon they might be called on to furnish locomotives and other equipment to help lighten the traffic burden in the east, and a group of government officials was created to work out a plan for diverting export freight to ports south of New York. Quantities of coal actually were started moving to New England to relieve the serious shortage there, and priority orders were suspended for road east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers to the extent necessary to clear up congestion.

At the same time the director-general dissolved the railroad war board at its own request and named a temporary advisory cabinet of five members. One of these, Hale Holder, president of the Burlington and member of the war board, will be retained to supervise the machinery which the war board has created with in the last nine months to co-ordinate the roads of the country.

Other members of the new advisory cabinet are: John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, who will have charge of financial questions arising out of government operation; Henry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line, who will assist on operation problems; Edward Chambers, traffic director of the food administration, who will have general charge of traffic, and Walker D. Hines, assistant to the general director.

Other railway heads who made up the war board, Fairfax Harrison of the Southern, who was chairman; Reuben C. Cruttschmitt of the Southern Pacific, and Elliott of the New Haven, will return to active supervision of their roads, but all the sub-committees and organization of the board will be turned over to Mr. Holden.

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WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Four

Military Training Necessary for Safety and Defense.

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "Jimmie and I have been looking up about war in the encyclopedia at school. We found that in the war between Germany and France in 1870-71, Germany lost in killed and wounded 28,000 soldiers while France lost about six times as many, and besides that, she lost every battle. We asked Professor Slocum why this was. He said that the German army was highly trained and ably commanded, while the French soldiers were poorly trained; and that their war department was honeycombed with jealousy and politics; and that's why France lost the war and so many men. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "Professor Slocum is right. By inefficiency France lost that war, together with two of her best provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—and had to pay a billion dollars indemnity money. France today learned her lesson by that sad experience, so she put in universal military training, and as a result, her soldiers now know how to fight and how to protect themselves. They are losing less men in the war than the Germans. France also put politics out of her war department, so that expert authority, instead of bureaucratic stupidity, now directs the army. The result is, France has one of the best and most efficient armies ever assembled, and this shows what thorough training and good leadership means in warfare. This saved France in this crisis, as well as the liberties of the world."

"As war is now conducted, there is no place for an untrained man. A body of 10,000 well trained soldiers properly handled could defeat five times their number of raw recruits and do it every time, with comparatively small loss to themselves. Proper training alone will reduce the death and casualty rate one-third of what it otherwise would be, and right here is an unanswerable argument for universal military training."

"Our government has no moral right to force her men into war service without properly training them for it. To do so is simply murder, hence the frantic effort that is now being made to give her soldiers some training before they are sent to the front. If we are to win this war, it will take trained men to do it, and it will take trained men to win any other war that may come upon us in the future. If we must fight, let us fight to win and not to lose."

"That's the stuff," said Billie. Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "Our government has expended about \$300,000,000 to put up cantonments and training stations in order to train the men called by the selective draft. When these men are trained the training stations should be immediately filled with younger men, say those in their nineteenth year, to receive six months of intensive military training along the lines of the Chamberlain bill. This will be of immeasurable benefit to them individually. It will do them more good than any other two years of their whole life; it will make them strong, manly, self-reliant, quick to see and quick to act; it will equip them for a successful life. In short, it will rebuild American manhood and will also give the government a body of trained men to draw from in case it is necessary to defend our flag and country. We must settle this question of universal military training immediately, otherwise these training camps may be demolished. The adoption of universal military training will be notice to the world that from then on we will be prepared to defend ourselves promptly and efficiently, and this will do more to keep us out of war in the future than anything else we could do."

"Do you think, brother," said Mrs. Graham, "that there will ever be another war?"

"I have no doubt about it," said Uncle Dan. "So long as men are selfish, so long as nations are ambitious to acquire territory, so long as population presses and demands more room, so long as there remains a scramble for world trade—so long wars will be. When the time comes that we reach the high plane for which we hope and dream, when all will recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, then, and then only, will wars cease. When that day comes doors will need no locks, banks will need no vaults to protect their treasures, but that day is a long way off."

"The only safe and sane plan is to be able to defend ourselves at all times. Therefore, every citizen should insist that senators and congressmen shall provide for universal military training, so that never again shall the country be caught so completely unready as this war found us. Fortunately, in this case, our enemy has been held back, so we have had a few months in which to prepare. This advantage probably will never come again. It is however our salvation today."

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DESTROY WEEVILS IN CORN

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist Alabama Experiment Station

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala.

There are several kinds of insects that injure stored corn. All of these start their work in the field as the corn matures and continue to work in the cribs to which practically all of them are carried by the present practice of storing corn with the husk on.

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The best treatment is to fumigate in the crib with carbon disulphid (commonly known as "high life.") This gas is poured directly on the corn without injuring it for feed or for seed. Even in tight rooms at least 10 pounds should be used per 1000 cubic feet and in ordinary cribs from 20 to 25 pounds will be needed. Use it on warm days only and do not allow fire near until the odor has disappeared.

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TRAINING A YOUNG FARMER

By L. N. Duncan, Superintendent Junior and Home Economics Extension, Auburn, Ala.

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala.

During the season of 1916 there were enrolled in Alabama 3,870 boys as members of the corn club, 4,062 as members of the pig club, and 571 in the four-crop club, making a total of 8,503 boys. Each of these boys was engaged in a definite agricultural home project upon which he received specific instructions from his county agent and from the general club agents at Auburn.

In addition to the instructions above mentioned, a series of county short courses was held by counties. The boys were called together in groups and a regular school of instruction was organized. These schools usually lasted for a period of three days. The program was divided into three divisions—one of lectures and demonstrations in corn and pig raising, one of practice organization, and one of recreation and social activities.

The county agent was the local leader and was assisted by men from the Auburn office. Most of these schools were held at the same time and place as the county teachers' institutes. Teachers and superintendents co-operated in arranging for boys to attend. During the school one joint meeting of boys and teachers was held. Great assistance was given in this work by the representatives of the State Department of Education. In most cases the boys were generously entertained in the homes of the people where the schools were held.

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